**Amount Spent from Textile Modernisation Fund**

3573. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) What is the total amount spent so far from textile modernisation fund;

(b) in what manner the same was spent and what is the balance amount; and

(c) what are the details of norms in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) to (c) In pursuance of Textile policy announced by Government of India in June, 1985, Textile Modernisation Fund Scheme (TMFS), was introduced by Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI), in 1986 with a view to extending financial assistance for modernisation of textile mills through replacement/renovation of equipment/machinery, upgradation to technology, improvement of product quality and enhancement of export capability. The assistance under the scheme is available to weak but viable unit as well as to healthy units also. Besides, all spinning and composite mills in the cotton textile industry registered as public or private limited companies as also industrial cooperatives would be eligible for assistance under the Fund Scheme. TMFS set up with a corpus of Rs. 750 crores was intended to be utilised over a period of 5 years (1986-91). As on 30-11-92 an amount of Rs. 1367.39 crores has been sanctioned in 357 cases and an amount of Rs. 871.34 crores has been disbursed in 307 cases since the inception of the scheme.

**Earning of Foreign Exchange from Export of Woollen Carpets**

3574. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) The details of the foreign exchange earning from the export of hand-knitted woollen carpet during the last five years (year-wise); and

(b) The steps taken or proposed to be taken to boost their export during the current five year plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) The details of export of hand-knotted woollen carpets, etc. during the last five years are as under :—

| Year | Value (Rs. in crores) |
|---|---|
| 1988-89 . . . | 404.50 (Actual) |
| 1989-90 . . . | 420.07 (Prov.) |
| 1990-91 . . . | 510.17 (Actual) |
| 1991-92 . . . | 784.06 (Actual) |
| 1992-93 . . . (April-January) | 668.46 (Prov.) |

(b) In order to promote export of hand-knotted woollen carpets, etc. several steps have been taken by Govt. which include : sponsoring sales-cum-study teams, participation in fairs in major markets and in buyer-seller meets, publicity abroad, grant of duty draw-back, concessional duty on carpet grade wool and triple weightage on net foreign exchange earnings for the purpose of recognition of an exporting firm as an Export House or Trading House. The earnings from exports are free from income tax.

**Suggestion of All India Handloom Weavers Congress**

3575. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the All India Handloom Weavers Congress has suggested the early setting up of a committee to evolve statutory guidelines and by-laws to pave the way of a national federation of apex handloom weavers cooperative societies in the country; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) Yes, Sir.